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A portrait of **Calhoun County**



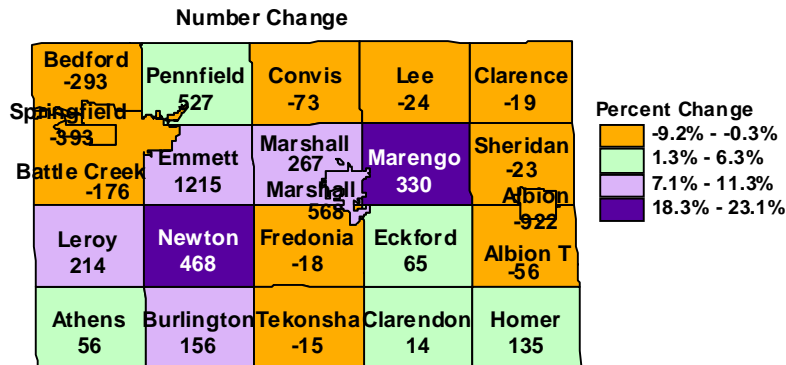
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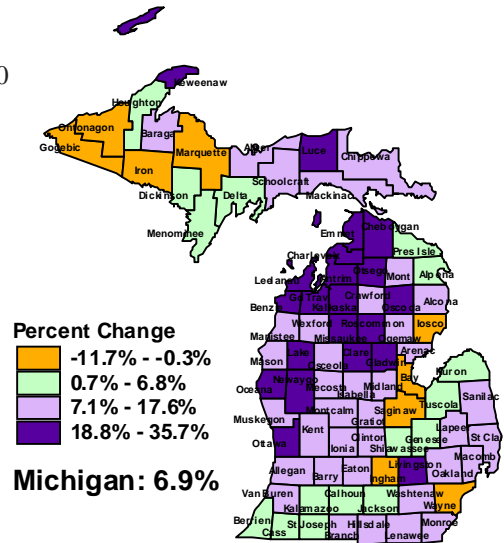
Population

Calhoun County

Population Change from 1990 to 2000



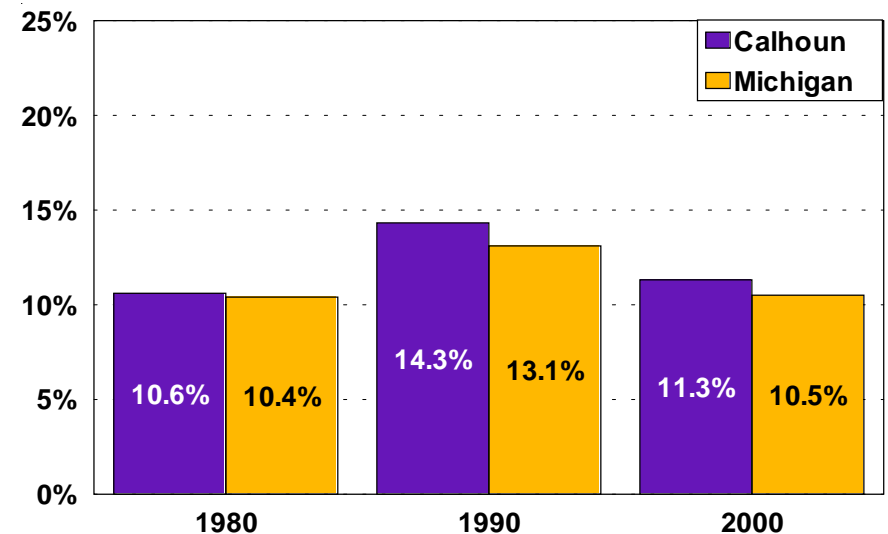
- Calhoun County had 137,985 people in 2000, ranking as the 17th most populous county in Michigan. The population increased by 2,003 persons, or 1.5% since 1990.
- Newton Township showed the largest percentage gain from 1990 to 2000 at 23.1 percent. Emmett Township showed the largest number gain of 1,215 people.
- There were 1,875 live births in Calhoun in 2000, of which 308 were to mothers age 19 and under, 1,402 to mothers age 20 to 34 and 165 to mothers age 35 and over.
- Population change (based on percent change) varied widely across Michigan counties.



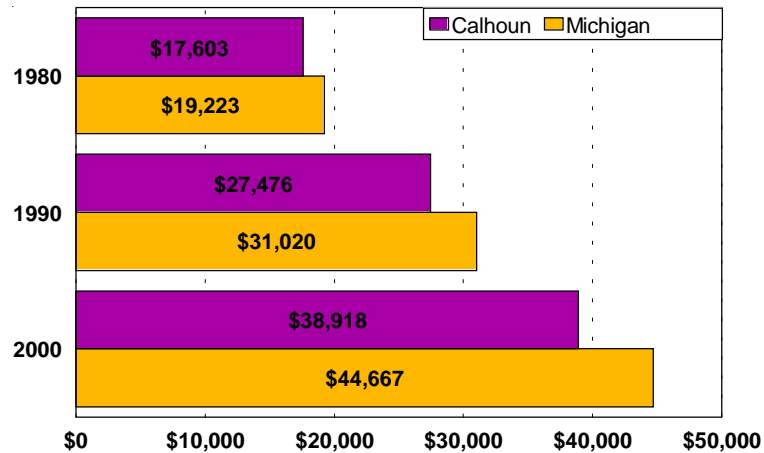
Poverty

- In 2000, 15,094 persons in Calhoun County were below the poverty line, decreasing from 18,832 persons in 1990.
- The poverty threshold for a family of four in 2000 was \$17,603. In 1990, it was \$13,360.
- Though poverty rates for most groups were down in 2000 compared to 1990, female-headed families with related children still experienced very high rates. In Calhoun County, 367 female-headed families with children under age 5 were below poverty, a rate of 39.7 percent.
- Children represent the highest poverty rate of any age group. 5,142 kids (ages 0-17) in Calhoun County were below the poverty level in 2000. This represents one child in seven. In 1990, 7,574 kids were poor.
- The poverty rate for Seniors (persons age 65 and over) in 2000 was 9.0 percent. This was down from the previous two decades when the rate was 9.5 percent (1990) and 11.3 percent (1980).

Poverty Rates of All Persons



Median Household Income



- Between 1990 and 2000, households in Calhoun County experienced an increase in real median income of 9.1 percent, from \$35,660 to \$38,918. Real income is adjusted for inflation based on changes in the Consumer Price Index.
- Compared to other Michigan counties, Calhoun County ranked 33rd in 2000 in median household income.
- Michigan leads most other Mid-West states in median household income at \$44,467 ranking 3rd among the 12 states in the region. Nationally, we rank in the top third. The U.S. median income was \$41,994.
- Per Capita income in Calhoun County in 1998 was \$23,333, compared to \$21,166 in 1990 (in 1998 dollars), a 10.2 percent increase.

Household Income Distribution in 2000

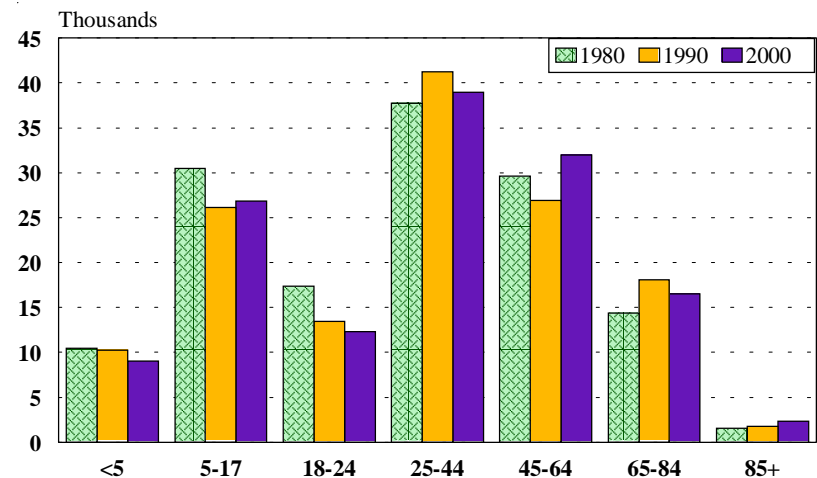
	\$0 -\$24,999	\$25,000 -\$49,999	\$50,000 -\$74,999	\$75,000+
Calhoun	30.2%	32.0%	20.9%	16.9%
Michigan	26.5%	28.9%	20.6%	24.1%

The median age of Calhoun residents continues to go up:

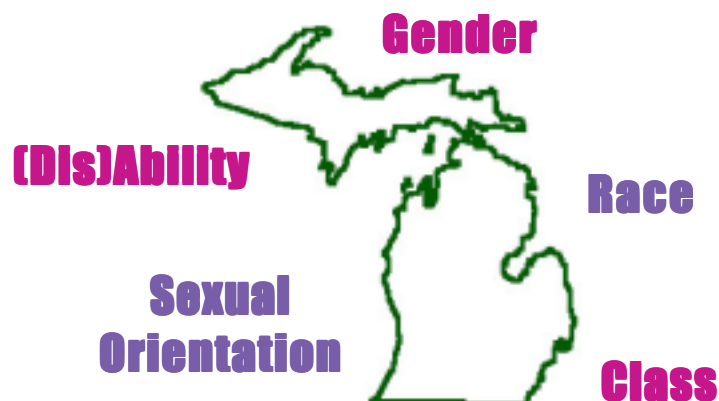
	1980	1990	2000
Calhoun	30.4	33.9	36.4
Michigan	28.8	32.6	35.5
U.S.	30.0	33.0	35.3

- Of the 137,985 people who lived in Calhoun in 2000, 60.4 percent were between 18 and 64 years of age; the remaining 39.6 percent included 6.5 percent children under the age of 5, 19.5 percent youth ages 5 to 17 and 13.7 percent over the age of 65.
- The fastest growing age group is the 45 to 64 year-olds, which includes the oldest of the “baby boomers.” This group grew by 5,054 or 18.8 percent since 1990.
- “Seasoned citizens,” those age 65 and over, grew by 807 or 4.5 percent since 1990. One in seven Calhoun residents is age 65 or older.

Age Distribution in Calhoun County



Multiculturalism



- ◆ In 2000, Calhoun County's population included 67,098 males and 70,887 females, or 48.6 percent and 51.4 percent respectively. For Michigan, males represent 48.7 percent and females 51.3 percent.
- ◆ Of the 54,100 households living in Calhoun County in 2000, 39,476 or 73.0 percent owned their own home and 14,624 or 27.0 percent rented. For Michigan, the rate of home ownership was 73.8 percent and 26.2 percent rented.
- ◆ Six to ten percent of the U.S. population are gay, lesbian, bisexual or transgendered persons according to the *Cultural Diversity Sourcebook*.
- ◆ One out of five Michigan citizens, approximately two million people, experience a disability according to the Michigan Centers for Independent Living.

Race and Hispanic or Latino Origin: 2000

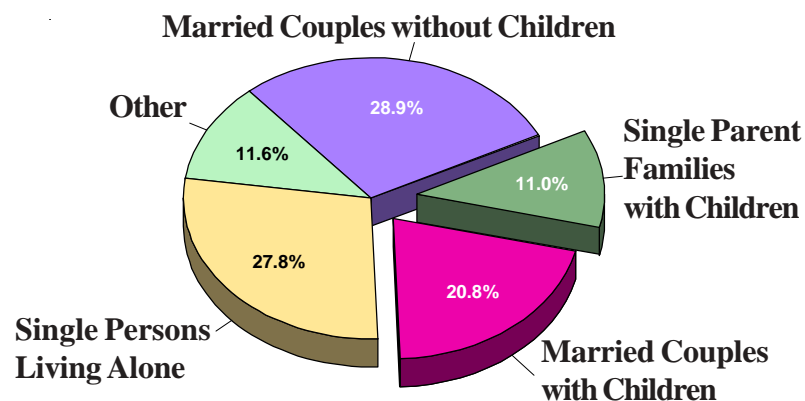
	Calhoun County		Michigan
	Number	Percent	Percent
White*	113,723	82.4	78.6
Black*	14,912	10.8	14.1
American Indian*	787	0.6	0.5
Asian*	1,516	1.1	1.8
Other*	185	0.1	0.1
Two or more races*	2,511	1.8	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	4,351	3.2	3.3

* Not Hispanic or Latino

Households & Families

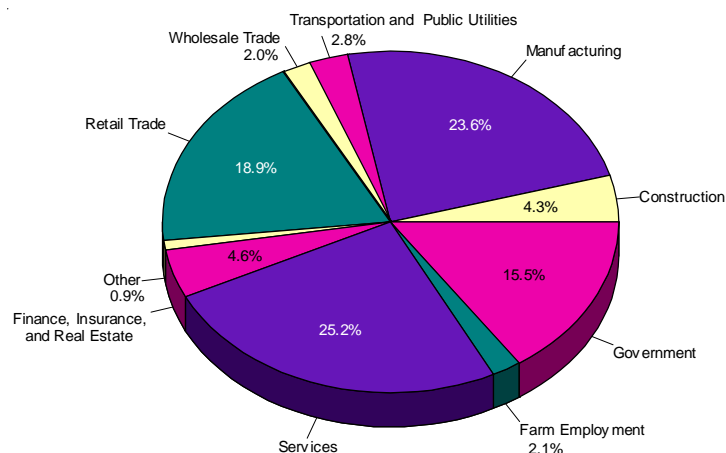
- ◆ There were 54,100 households in Calhoun County in 2000 with an average size of 2.5 persons and 36,249 families with an average family size of 3.0 persons.
- ◆ There were 1,195 marriages in Calhoun County during 2000, down from 1,309 marriages occurred. Across the state, marriage numbers and rates have fallen since the '70s.
- ◆ The divorce rate in Calhoun County in 1990 was 11.6 when 793 divorces occurred. In 2000, the rate was 10.0 when 707 marriages ended in divorce.
- ◆ In 2000, 36,922 Michigan children were impacted by divorce of their parents. These numbers have declined since 1976 when Michigan reached a peak of 49,555 children involved in divorce.
- ◆ 977 grandparents were responsible for their grandchildren in Calhoun County in 2000, representing 40.5 percent of all grandparents living with their own grandchildren.
- ◆ In 2000, 10,309 children in Calhoun County under age 18 lived with a single parent. This represented 29.9 percent of all children in Calhoun. In Michigan, 25.1 percent of all children lived in single parent families.

Types of Households in Calhoun County



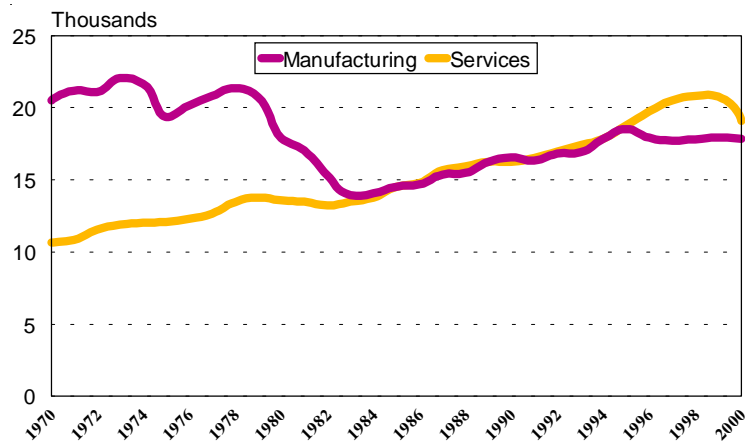
2000 Census of Population and Housing

2000 Employment by Industry in Calhoun County



- ◆ The total number of full- and part-time jobs has increased in Calhoun from 69,711 in 1990 to 75,526 in 2000, a 8.3 percent increase.
- ◆ The services industry saw the largest number gain since 1990, adding 2,818 jobs. The construction industry had the largest percentage increase at 30.4 percent, adding 753 jobs.

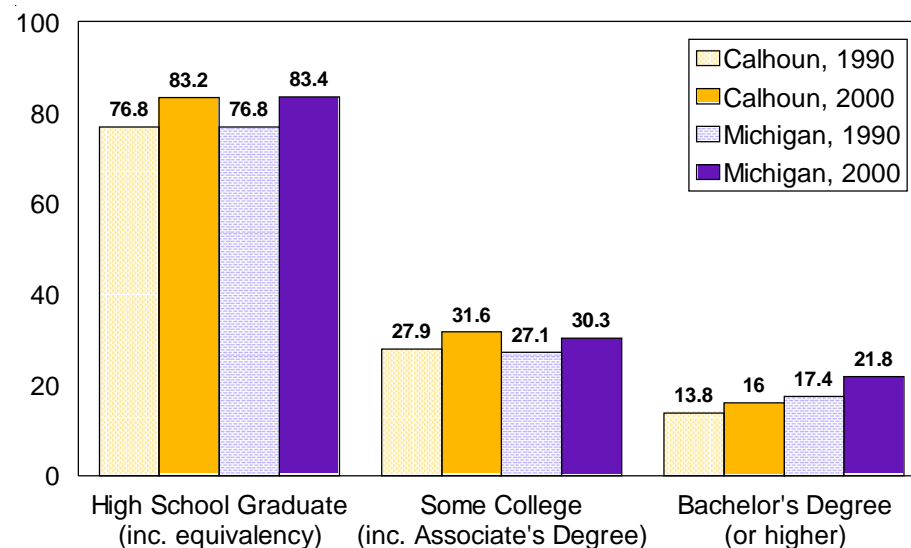
Jobs in Manufacturing & Services



- ◆ High school graduation rates increased significantly from 1990 to 2000 for persons age twenty-five and over – by 6.4 percentage points in Calhoun County and 6.6 percentage points in Michigan. This is due largely to the fact that a much higher rate of young adults (age 25-29) has completed high school than those in older age groups.
- ◆ Calhoun County lags behind Michigan for those persons age 25 and over with a college degree. In 2000, 21.8 percent in Michigan had a college degree; in Calhoun County the rate was 16.0 percent. Calhoun ranks 31st among Michigan's 83 counties for persons age 25 and over with a college degree.
- ◆ 956 teenagers age 16 to 19 in Calhoun County were not enrolled in school and not high school graduates for a rate of 12.1 percent. This compares with a Michigan rate of 8.7 percent and a national rate of 9.8 percent.

Educational Attainment Persons 25 and Over

Percent



Where Calhoun County Residents Work

Calhoun County residents who worked in their own county:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	51,146	50,347	47,822
Percent	93.0	87.8	91.6

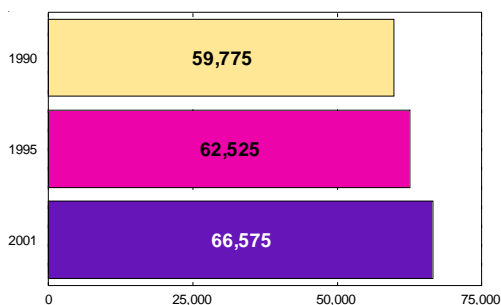
Calhoun County residents who worked outside their own county, but in Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	10,102	6,685	4,123
Percent	16.4	11.7	7.9

Calhoun County residents who worked outside Michigan:

	2000	1990	1980
Number	401	330	284
Percent	0.7	0.6	0.5

- 77.1 percent of all Calhoun County women with school age children were in the labor force in 2000, over 4 percentage points higher than in 1990. 69.2 percent of women with children under the age of six were working in 2000 compared to 61.2 percent in 1990.
- The Labor Force consists of those who are employed and those currently unemployed but seeking employment. Calhoun's labor force has grown from 64,625 in 1990 to 70,550 in 2000.
- 66.4 percent of Calhoun's population age 16 and over were in the labor force in 2000, up from 62.3 percent in 1990.

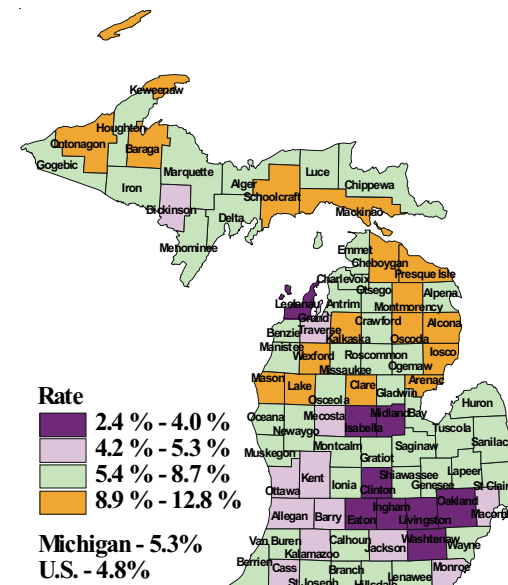


Total Number of Calhoun County Persons Employed

- In 1990, 92.5 percent of the labor force was employed; in 2000 that increased to 95.7 percent employed.

2001 Unemployment Rate

- Even though Michigan's overall unemployment rate was low in 2001, many counties continue to experience high rates.
- Calhoun County's annual average unemployment rate in 2001 was 5.4 percent, compared to 4.3 percent in 2000 and 7.5 percent in 1990. 3,800 people were unemployed in 2001 compared to 4,850 in 1990.
- Michigan experienced high unemployment rates during the early '90s. In 1994 for the first time Michigan's rate was lower than the U.S. rate.



Unemployment Rate: 1980 - 2001

